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By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dean Robert N. Murrell.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were saddened to learn of the death of a distinguished and beloved Tennessean, Dean Robert N. Murrell of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Dean Murrell will live eternally in the hearts and minds of many, as he was an esteemed leader at Tennessee State University and a friend to the community; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Mr. Murrell was born in Belle City, the son of Robert and Minnie Maxwell Murrell; and

WHEREAS, although much of his childhood was spent in Mayfield, Kentucky, Dean Murrell returned to his homeland after high school to attend Tennessee State University, then known as A&I State College; and

WHEREAS, while in attendance at TSU, Mr. Murrell was called to the military and served with the Quarter Master Corps in the AVS component as a corporal; and

WHEREAS, knowing well the importance of education, Mr. Murrell returned to TSU immediately after his discharge from the military and worked diligently toward the completion of his Bachelor's degree in history and Master's degree in counseling and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Dean Murrell began his 33 year tenure with Tennessee State University as a resident hall assistant, and it was from his service in this position that Dean Murrell's concern and compassion for students emerged; and

WHEREAS, TSU officials saw great promise in Mr. Murrell and promoted him first to serve as Director of Clement Hall, then Director of Housing, and eventually Dean of Men; a position in which he created a superior standard of excellence; and

WHEREAS, as a dean, Mr. Murrell often received praise and appreciation from students, faculty, and alumni, as his genuine concern and unselfish nature served to inspire all with whom he came into contact; and

WHEREAS, students often stated that Dean Murrell would always "go the extra mile", and to many he became a "father away from home"; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the best education possible for all TSU students, Dean Murrell was an active member of the Faculty Advisory Committee for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, as appropriate accolades to a truly selfless man, Tennessee State University established a scholarship in his honor in 1977 and named him their "Homecoming Honoree" in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Dean Murrell was a distinguished member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a devout member of the Temple Baptist Church in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the "Dean" leaves to celebrate his life a very devoted wife, Barbara C. Murrell; one son, Claude P. "Trudy" Murrell; one grandchild, Claude P. Murrell, Jr.; other loving family members, former colleagues and friends; and

WHEREAS, although Dean Murrell has relinquished this life for a far better existence, the legacy of his generosity, tenacity, endless energy, and great sense of dedication will live on; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,

That we hereby pause to mourn the death of Mr. Robert N. Murrell, while also celebrating the life of this man whose many selfless contributions will be remembered for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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